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| WATERMELONS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IMPORTS THROUGH SAN JUAN (PUERTO RICO) | B | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 45 | 48 | 92 |
| MEXICO | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH OTAY MESA | T | 2 | - | - | - | 3 | 2 | 3 | 36 | 15 | 140 |
| MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PROGRESO, TX | T | 6 | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | 11 | 147 | 112 | 501 |
| MEXICO CROSSINGS THRU NOGALES | T | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 104 | 5 | 84 |
| GRAND TOTALS | | 8 | - | - | - | 5 | 4 | 16 | 340 | 180 | 817 |

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| <u>WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BRAZIL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN | | | | B | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | 38 | 24 | 52 |
| GUATEMALA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IMPORTS THROUGH FREEPORT (TEXAS) | | | | B | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | - | 20 | - | 27 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH GALVESTON (TEXAS) | | | | B | - | - | - | - | 10 | - | - | 55 | 12 | 108 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH HOUSTON | | | | B | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | 13 | 7 | 71 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH | | | | B | - | - | - | - | 4 | 4 | - | 43 | 10 | 308 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN | | | | B | - | - | - | - | - | 20 | 13 | 276 | 129 | 912 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH PT CANAVERAL (FLORIDA) | | | | B | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 40 | 148 | 184 | 1527 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA | | | | B | 24 | - | - | - | 1 | 41 | 1 | 213 | 88 | 1505 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH WILMINGTON (DELAWARE) | | | | B | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 24 | 2 | 114 |
| MEXICO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH OTAY MESA | | | | T | 9 | - | - | - | 5 | 4 | 9 | 274 | 264 | 943 |
| MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PHARR, TX | | | | T | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 398 | 278 | 1678 |
| MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PROGRESO, TX | | | | T | 50 | - | - | - | 76 | 179 | 46 | 2756 | 3199 | 9077 |
| MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH RIO GRANDE CITY | | | | T | - | - | - | - | 9 | 1 | - | 452 | 442 | 1131 |
| MEXICO CROSSINGS THRU NOGALES | | | | T | 20 | 1 | - | - | 34 | 42 | 52 | 6456 | 4716 | 22754 |

WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS, MINATURE

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|-------------------------------|---|------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| MEXICO | | | | | | | | | | |
| MEXICO CROSSINGS THRU NOGALES | T | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 288 | 1205 |
| GRAND TOTALS | | 107 | 1 | - | - | 143 | 305 | 163 | 11457 | 41488 |

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| CANTALOUPS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IMPORTS THROUGH SAN JUAN (PUERTO RICO) | B | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | 9 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA | B | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 19 | 10 | 97 |
| GUATEMALA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IMPORTS THROUGH FREEPORT (TEXAS) | B | - | - | - | - | - | 16 | - | 79 | - | 92 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH GALVESTON (TEXAS) | B | 30 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 133 | 153 | 792 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH HOUSTON | B | - | - | - | - | 8 | 5 | - | 74 | 65 | 408 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH | B | 8 | - | - | - | 12 | 33 | 3 | 407 | 450 | 2871 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN | B | 4 | - | - | - | - | 6 | 41 | 969 | 867 | 3180 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH PT CANAVERAL (FLORIDA) | B | - | - | - | - | - | 8 | 22 | 1063 | 992 | 2830 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA | B | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 3 | 516 | 695 | 2341 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH WILMINGTON (DELAWARE) | B | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | 136 | 21 | 424 |
| GRAND TOTALS | | 48 | - | - | - | 21 | 68 | 104 | 13675 | 13092 | 24157 |

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| BRAZIL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN | B | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | | 37 | 41 | 81 |
| GUATEMALA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IMPORTS THROUGH FREEPORT (TEXAS) | B | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | - | | 35 | - | 14 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH GALVESTON (TEXAS) | B | 12 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | 51 | 45 | 282 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH HOUSTON | B | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | - | | 13 | 23 | 117 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH | B | 1 | - | - | - | - | 11 | 1 | | 113 | 96 | 831 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN | B | 1 | - | - | - | - | 7 | 27 | | 516 | 251 | 1156 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH PT CANAVERAL (FLORIDA) | B | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | 20 | | 401 | 431 | 1104 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA | B | 1 | - | - | - | 3 | 12 | 1 | | 93 | 128 | 803 |
| IMPORTS THROUGH WILMINGTON (DELAWARE) | B | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | | 23 | 8 | 76 |
| MEXICO | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IMPORTS THROUGH DETROIT | T | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | 8 | 6 | 19 |
| MEXICO CROSSINGS THRU NOGALES | T | 14 | - | - | - | 22 | 5 | 8 | | 1748 | 1582 | 4173 |
| GRAND TOTALS | | 31 | - | - | - | 30 | 49 | 59 | | 3559 | 2832 | 9025 |

* [T]-TRUCK, [A]-AIR, [B]-BOAT, [P]-PIGGYBACK, [R]-RAIL

** District breakdown not available for rail/piggyback

SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION

Sales F.O.B Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis for December 29, 2023. Prices represent open (spot) market sales by first handlers on product of generally good quality and condition unless otherwise stated and may include promotional allowances or other incentives. No consideration is given to after-sale adjustments unless otherwise stated. Reported prices generally include, but are not limited to, applicable brokerage fees and commissions, Customs fees and duties, U.S. packaging and U.S. freight costs prior to first sale, paid by the shipper/seller. Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis excludes all charges for freight after sale.

MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH NOGALES, ARIZONA

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

HONEYDEWS: DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET SLIGHTLY HIGHER. Extra services included. Wide range in quality and condition. 2/3 cartons 5s 8.95-12.95 occasional lower 6s 7.95-10.95 occasional lower

WATERMELONS: SUPPLY VERY LIGHT. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET HIGHER. Extra services included. Wide range in quality and condition. cartons Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 28.95-32.95 occasional lower 5s 28.95-32.95 occasional lower Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 20.95-22.95 occasional lower 8s 20.95-22.95 occasional lower 9s 20.95-22.95 occasional lower 24 inch bins Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count 270.00-290.00 occasional higher and lower approx 45 count 270.00-290.00 occasional higher and lower

MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH TEXAS

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

WATERMELONS: DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Wide range in quality and condition. 24 inch bins Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count 245.00-285.00 mostly 255.00-275.00 approx 45 count 255.00-285.00 mostly 260.00-280.00 approx 60 count 245.00-275.00 mostly 255.00-265.00

CENTRAL AMERICA IMPORTS -PORTS OF ENTRY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

CANTALOUPS: SUPPLY FAIRLY LIGHT AND IN FEW HANDS. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA. By Boat. Most Present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. 1/2 cartons 9s 16.00-17.95 mostly 16.95-17.95 few high as 18.95 12s 15.50-17.95 mostly 16.95 few high as 18.95 oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) supplies insufficient to quote 9s (6 size) 17.00-18.95 mostly 17.00-17.95

CENTRAL AMERICA IMPORTS -PORTS OF ENTRY SOUTH FLORIDA

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

CANTALOUPS: SUPPLY FAIRLY LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA. By Boat. Wide range in quality, condition and price. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. 1/2 cartons 9s 14.85-15.95 mostly 14.95-15.95 12s 14.85-15.95 mostly 15.95 oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) supplies insufficient to quote 9s (6 size) 14.85-16.95 mostly 15.95

HONEYDEWS: SUPPLY FAIRLY LIGHT. DEMAND FAIRLY GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA. By Boat. Wide range in quality, condition and price. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. 2/3 cartons 5s 13.95-14.95 mostly 13.95 6s 13.95-14.95 mostly 13.95 oversized 2/3 cartons 4s (3 size) supplies insufficient to quote 5s (4 size) 13.95-14.95 mostly 13.95

WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKET PRICES AS OF December 29, 2023.

This is only a sample of wholesale terminal market reports. For a complete and current listing <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/mncs/fvdaily.htm>

ATLANTA

CANTALOUPS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 1/2 cartons CA 9s 16.00-21.00 mostly 19.00-20.00 few 22.00 12s 18.50-21.00 mostly 19.50-20.00 few 16.50-17.50, occas higher GU 12s 20.00-21.00 MX 12s 22.00

HONEYDEWS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 2/3 cartons AZ 5s 14.00-16.00 mostly 15.00-16.00 few 17.00-18.00 CA 5s 16.00-19.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 few 21.00-22.00 6s 16.50-20.00 mostly 18.00-18.50 few 21.00-22.00 8s 14.50-16.50

WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 41.00 5s 36.50-39.50 Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 8s 26.50

BOSTON

CANTALOUPS: MARKET STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 15.00-19.00 mostly 17.00 occas higher and lower 12s 15.00-19.00 mostly 17.00 occas higher and lower 12s (9 size) 18.00-20.00

HONEYDEWS: MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 12.00-13.00 6s 12.00-16.00 mostly 12.00-13.00 MX 5s 12.00-13.00 5s (4 size) 12.00-16.00 mostly 12.00-14.00 6s 12.00-16.00 mostly 12.00-14.00

WATERMELONS: MARKET STEADY. flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 42.00-45.00 mostly 42.00-44.00 5s 44.00-48.00 mostly 44.00-45.00 24 inch bins per melon MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s 11.00 45s 7.00-8.00 60s 6.00

CHICAGO.

CANTALOUPS: MARKET STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 18.50-19.00 12s 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 MX 9s 15.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CA 9s (6 size) 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00 GU 9s (6 size) 18.00-19.00 MX 9s (6 size) 16.00

HONEYDEWS: MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 18.00 6s 18.00 MX 5s 14.00 6s 12.50 oversized 2/3 cartons GU 5s (4 size) 19.00

WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Wide range in quality & condition. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 42.00-46.00 mostly 45.00-46.00 few 40.50 5s 44.00-45.00 few 48.00 occasional lower flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 26.00-27.00 occasional lower 8s 26.00-27.00 occasional lower 24 inch bins MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s 360.00 fineappear 420.00 60s 375.00-385.00

LOS ANGELES

CANTALOUPS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. wide range in quality and condition. 1/2 cartons GU BOAT 9s 20.00-23.00 mostly 21.00-22.00 12s 20.00-23.00 mostly 21.00-22.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU BOAT 9s (6 size) 23.00-26.00 mostly 24.00-25.00

HONEYDEWS: OFFERINGS GUATEMALA VERY LIGHT. MARKET GUATEMALA SLIGHTLY LOWER, MEXICO ABOUT STEADY. wide range in quality and condition. 2/3 cartons GU BOAT 5s 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 occas lower 6s 16.00-19.00 mostly 17.00-18.00 occas lower MX 5s 16.00-18.00 mostly 17.00-18.00 fr cond 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 6s 16.00-18.00 mostly 16.00-17.00 fr cond 12.00-14.00 mostly 12.00-13.00 occas higher/lower 8s 13.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 occas higher fr cond 9.00-11.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 oversized 2/3 cartons GU BOAT 5s (4 size) 17.00-18.00 occas higher/lower MX 5s (4 size) 17.00-18.00 occas higher/lower

WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS BINS RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE VERY LIGHT. MARKET CARTONS RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 5S SLIGHTLY HIGHER, 6S SLIGHTLY LOWER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. wide range in quality and condition. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 33.00-36.00 mostly 35.00-36.00 occas lower 5s 35.00-38.00 mostly 36.00-37.00 occas lower 6s 30.00-32.00 mostly 31.00-32.00 occas higher/lower 8s 23.00-24.00 occas higher/lower flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 occas higher 8s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 occas higher 9s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00 occas higher 24 inch bins MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s 350.00-355.00 occas higher/lower 60s offerings insufficient to quote

MIAMI**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 18.00-20.00
occas higher 12s 18.00-20.00 oversized 1/2
cartons GU 9s (6 size) 22.00 occas higher

HONEYDEWS: MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 14.00-18.00
occas higher 6s 14.00-18.00 occas higher

WATERMELONS: MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 24 inch bins per melon FL Red
Flesh Seedless Type approx 36 count 6.50-
7.00 approx 45 count 5.00-6.00 approx 60
count 4.50-5.00 75-80s 4.00

NEW YORK**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 14.00-16.00 12s
14.00-16.00 fineappear 17.00-18.00 occas
higher oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size)
15.00-17.00 flat cartons GU 9s (6 size)
fineappear 18.00

HONEYDEWS: MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 14.00-16.00
fineappear 17.00 6s 14.00-16.00 MX 5s
14.00-15.00 6s 14.00-15.00 oversized 2/3
cartons MX 5s (4 size) 15.00-16.00 flat crates
GU 5s (4 size) 16.00-18.00

WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS LIGHT.

cartons per carton MX Red Flesh Seedless
Miniature 6s 30.00-32.00 24 inch bins MX
Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s
fr appear one lot 350.00 cartons 4s per carton
FL Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties
55-59 lb 40.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type
Round Varieties 55-59 lb 42.00-46.00 mostly
44.00-45.00 60-64 lb fineappear 48.00-50.00
cartons 5s per carton MX Red Flesh Seedless
Type Round Varieties 55-59 lb no offerings

PHILADELPHIA**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET STEADY. 1/2

cartons GA 6s 12.00 GU 9s 16.00-17.00
oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 14.00-
17.00 mostly 14.00-16.00

HONEYDEWS: MARKET STEADY. 2/3

cartons GU 5s 17.00 oversized 2/3 cartons GU
5s (4 size) 12.00-13.00 fr cond 10.00

WATERMELONS: cartons FL Red Flesh
Seedless Type Round Varieties 5s offerings
insufficient to quote.